QCKET NO.: MSFT-0517/129989.01 **PATENT** IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE Re Application of: RANDY S. KIMMERLY Confirmation No.: 6126 Group Art Unit: 2162 Application No.: 09/266,675 Filing Date: MARCH 11, 1999 Examiner: ANH LY **CACHING SYSTEM FOR PATH SEARCH OPTIMIZATION** DATE OF DEPOSIT: January 18, 2005 I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PAPER IS BEING DEPOSITED WITH THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE AS FIRST CLASS MAIL, POSTAGE PREPAID, ON THE DATE INDICATED ABOVE AND IS ADDRESSED TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS, P.O. BOX 1450, ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450. TYPED NAME: Jerome G. Schaefer REGISTRATION NO.: 50,800

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A Preliminary Amendment.

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	A Reply Supplemental to the Paper filed .					
	A Substitute Specification (pages 1 -) in clean form.					
	A substitute specification (pages 1 -) with markings.					
	An Abstract is enclosed.					
	replacement sheets of drawings are enclosed comprising figures .					
	Request is hereby made to accept black and white photograph(s) in this case, as they are the only practicable medium for illustrating the claimed invention. One (1) set of black and white photographs comprising figure(s) is submitted herewith.					

DOCKET NO.: MSFT-0517/129989.01 PATENT \Box Petition is hereby made to accept drawing(s)/photograph(s) in this case. Three (3) sets of color drawing(s)/photograph(s) and black and white photocopy that accurately depicts to the extent possible, the subject matter shown in the color drawing(s)/photograph(s), are enclosed, comprising figures An amendment to the first paragraph in that portion of the Brief Description of the Drawings is also enclosed herewith advising that the patent contains at least one drawing/photograph in color. A Certified Copy of each of the following applications: is enclosed. An Associate Power of Attorney is enclosed. Information Disclosure Statement. Attached Form 1449. A copy of each reference as listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 is enclosed herewith. A Terminal Disclaimer is attached. Appendices as follows: Other No Additional Fee is Due. Applicant(s) has previously claimed small entity status under 37 CFR § 1.27. Applicant(s) by its/their undersigned attorney, claims small entity status under 37 CFR § 1.27 as This application is no longer entitled to small entity status. It is requested that this be noted in the files of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

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Please charge Deposit Account No. 23-3050 in the amount of00. This sheet is attached in duplicate.
Petition is hereby made under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) (fees: 37 CFR § 1.17(a)(1)-(4)) to extend the time for response to the Office Action of to and through comprising an extension of the shortened statutory period of month(s).

The Commissioner is hereby requested to grant an extension of time for the appropriate length of time, should one be necessary, in connection with this filing or any future filing submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in the above-identified application during the pendency of this application. The Commissioner is further authorized to charge any fees related to any such extension of time to Deposit Account 23-3050. This sheet is provided in duplicate.

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REPLY PURSUANT TO 37 CFR § 1.111

In response to the Official Action dated 11/03/2004, reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the amendments and/or remarks as indicated below:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.